set of hands with moving fingers shows which fingers to press as letters pop onto the screen. This game introduces the use of uppercase and lowercase letters.

The program's print option activates when players reach various score ranges based on accurate typing. This feature prints thank you notes from the various friendly monsters with the player's name on it. That's a great incentive for young kids learning the essential keyboarding skills that will help them with their future computer instruction.

— Jack M. Germain

The Complete Annotated Alice

Lewis Carroll's classic children's books *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* come alive in *The Complete Annotated Alice*, a multimedia CD-ROM from Voyager. This well-produced Hypercard stack contains the full text and pictures from both books. In addition, the program includes extensive annotations, comments, and analysis of the stories and, as a bonus for Carroll fans, "The Wasp In a Wig," a lost chapter that didn't make it to print in either book.

The Complete Annotated Alice

Price: $19.95

In Brief: A captivating, multimedia romp through the looking glass and beyond.

Requirements: Macintosh LC or better with 2MB RAM; hard disk; System 6.0.7 or higher; Hypercard 2.1.

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Using *The Annotated Alice* is very much like thumbing through a traditional book. Readers can page back and forth, skip ahead or back, mark favorite passages, even make notes in the margin. However, the software offers tools a traditional book does not, allowing the reader to instantly find text, export passages, and jump to annotations on a whim.

The book is simple for a child to navigate, the mouse isn't even necessary to turn the page. Adults will enjoy Alice for its extensive annotations, which give new insights to the book (the annotations make a book all by themselves).

To keep it simple for the little ones, parents can switch off the annotations, the toolbar and other gimmickry. Throughout, the book includes familiar drawings of Alice on her underground escapades. As a nice touch, a click of the mouse switches between normal text and large print.

The Complete Annotated Alice is a joy to peruse, or read from cover to cover. Despite a few minor cosmetic problems, this program provides a rewarding experience for both young children and adults.

— Kevin Savetz

European Racer

Every kid wishes for the chance to jump behind the wheel of a Porsche 911 S, but most of them settle for building the model. Revell-Monogram turns model building into model driving. Young model makers receive a 1/24th scale model Porsche 911 Slant Nose and a CD-ROM disk in this program bundle. The software assists in the construction of the model with step-by-step instructions, and three-dimensional views over which kids have control. Video clips show model-making tips — how to glue, paint, and detail the model Porsche. A painting option lets modelers see how each car looks in different colors before painting. An on-line glossary of automotive terms enhances the program's educational aspects.

The driving simulation begins on the showroom floor, where a female voice describes the model and its capabilities. From here, the game accelerates through the backroads of Europe. Young drivers must dodge obstacles, outrun the police, and sustain as little damage as possible (and finish with fuel in the tank). If successful, drivers will arrive at one of four tracks: the Zurich Switchback, the Sicilian Jackknife, the Barcelona Corkscrew, or the Stuttgart Screamer. Here they will go against five computer competitors in a five-lap race.

European Racer

Price: $70

In Brief: A plastic car model and CD-ROM disk combination allows youngsters to build and drive an authentic European sports car.

Requirements: IBM PC or compatible (386SX or better) with 4 MB RAM; hard disk with 13MB free space; Super VGA display : CD-ROM drive; mouse; DOS 5.0 or higher.

Audio Support: Sound Blaster compatible

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Random road and weather conditions means players must modify their cars before or during each race. Drivers may choose from a selection of five different wing spoilers, three tire options, and between an automatic or manual transmission. This sophisticated software product brings with it sophisticated hardware requirements. One major warning: The installation program modifies the system's CONFIG.SYS file without first saving the original file.

The multimedia effects of interactive 3-D graphics, digitized sound effects, and video will have kids glued to the computer screen for hours. Model building has come to the MTV generation.

— Jeff Kingston

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